



# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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## ***FESTIVAL 2000 BREAKS ALL RECORDS!***

This year's Greek Food Festival (our 50th anniversary festival) has broken all records, with more people in attendance (estimated at 8,000), more volunteers, more food selection and more profit. As the festival came to a close, the evening of Sunday, September 24, the accounting office reported an estimated clear profit of \$101,688! This is the first time that we have ever broken the \$100,000 mark in net proceeds.

This year's success was due to many factors: excellent organization, better advertising, our "legendary" great food, and great weather, resulting in our selling out of *everything*. When the festival ended, we were down to a box of parsley, four small containers of yogurt, and two bags of ice!

This year we also set up a web site survey. Many positive responses were received (there were no negative comments; everything was positive). Here is what some people had to say:

"I think that the people were

friendly, the atmosphere was wonderful, the decor was magnificent and the food was delicious! The people in charge are to be commended for putting on a wonderful festival!"

"I'm new to Greek food and my friend knows Greek food very well, and both of us enjoyed your food very much, even though we are not Greek. According to my friend, it's difficult to find good Greek food around here, in San Francisco, so I feel very lucky."

"I'm a sweets lover and tried most of your pastries. I liked all of them; they are so delicious. Saturday night, I bought one of each of the cookies and pastries to share with my friend, and put the box on the kitchen counter overnight. While I was asleep, my friend finished the whole baklava. He apologized to me in the morning, but said he just couldn't resist; it was so good. So, I had to go back to the festival and get some more pastry on Sunday."

"I tried ouzo for the first time.

It's so flavorful and very strong. I'm not a drinker, but I love to try new things. The ouzo made both my friend and me very talkative."

"The overall layout was magnificent. It gave people, non-Greeks and Greeks alike, a feeling of being in a Greek village. The decor was splendid!"

As one can see from the above comments, it was worth all the planning and hard work. Tired as all of us were, it is gratifying to know that we were able to net \$100,000 for our Cathedral. This gives us an incentive to plan for next year's festival. The dates for this are September 21, 22, and 23, 2001.

Meanwhile, a **Festival Workers' Appreciation Dinner** will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to personally thank each and every volunteer who contributed to the success of Festival 2000, beginning with this year's chairman, **Paul Sogotis**.

***Efharistoume ke tou chronou!***

### **OFFICIAL:**

### **PARISH ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5TH**

Parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the Cathedral's second Parish Assembly for the year 2000, which will be convened Sunday, November 5, 2000 following the Divine Liturgy. A complimentary light luncheon will be served prior to the Assembly. While everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon, only parishioners in good standing, as defined by the Uniform Parish Regulations, may participate in the Assembly, which has been timed so as to last about an hour.

The agenda for the November 5th Parish Assembly is as follows:

Opening Prayer

1. Call to order and election of the Assembly Chair

2. Minutes of the April 16, 2000

Assembly (5 min.)

3. Reports:

a. Stewardship, membership, census (5 min.)

b. Technology (2 min.)

c. Youth (5 min.)

d. Building (2 min.)

e. SF Waldorf School (2 min.)

f. Biennial Clergy-Laity (10 min.)

g. Festival (2 min.)

h. Other social events, Western Barbecue, Pentahiliarkon (2 min.)

4. Representatives to the February 8-10 Clergy Laity (2 min.)

5. Nomination of Parish Council candidates (3 min.)

6. Election of Board of Elections (3 min.)

7. Report of Board of Auditors (5 min.)

8. Election of Board of Auditors (2 min.)

9. Treasurer's Report (10 min.)

10. Old Business

11. New Business

Closing Prayer

### **VIVIAN VELLIS TURNS 100!**

Vivian Vellis, mother of Andrew Vellis, mother-in-law of Effie Vellis, grandmother of Costas, Vivian and Aris, great-grandmother of Katharine and Andrew Curd and Kalli Vellis, Annunciation's 1993 Mother of the Year, turned 100 years old on September 17.

The wife of the late Costas Vellis, Mrs. Vellis has lived for most of her life in San Francisco, where her father served as church cantor. Until recently, Mrs. Vellis was seen regularly at the Annunciation, where she greeted everyone with that loving, warm smile.

We love you, Yiayia Vellis, and salute you on achieving this milestone birthday!

## **MARINA TAYLOR TO LEAD BIBLE STUDY**

Marina Taylor, a member of the Annunciation Cathedral, who has attended a number of Bible Studies in past years, and who has considerable knowledge of the Bible, will lead a Bible Study at the Cathedral, **beginning Sunday, October 8, 12-1:30 p.m.**, and continuing on Sundays throughout the school year. The class will be offered in Greek and in English, as required. If enough people sign up who wish to have the study in the Greek language and, separately, in the English language, Mrs. Taylor will hold a separate study in the English language on Tuesday evenings. A thematic format will be followed, with the main topic being our salvation.

The Bible will be used as the basis for discussion, especially the New Testament, as will be the writings of the Church Fathers. Salvation. Salvation will not be dealt with in the abstract, but as understood by the Orthodox Church, based on the Holy Scriptures. This necessarily will include the role of faith and the role of works. Later, other issues will be considered, notably, the second coming, or parousia. As we approach certain Holy Days, such as Christmas and Pascha, reference will be made to those Feasts and their role in our salvation will be examined. We thank Mrs. Taylor and look forward to a meaningful, rewardings study.

## **FATHER STEPHEN CONTINUES "BACK TO BASICS" COURSE**

Since Tuesday, September 12, Father Stephen has been offering a "back to basics" course designed primarily for our Sunday School teachers, but open to anyone who wishes to participate. The classes are held **7 to 9 p.m.** There is ample time for discussion. The classes cover topics that are basic to our Orthodox Christian Faith, including the Bible, the Ecumenical Councils, the Priestly Offices and Vestments, the Sacraments, the Divine Liturgy (treated separately), the Church Fathers, Holy Days and Feast Days, Saints and Martyrs and their Role, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Church Canons, the Liturgical Year, and the Liturgical Books of the Church. In many cases, this is a "refresher course," designed to reinforce much of what was learned (or should have been learned) in Sunday School.

In other cases, the class covers material which is not taught in Sunday School, and so this should be a "must" for Sunday School teachers and all who wish to learn more about the Orthodox Church, its Faith and its Practices.

We look forward to seeing you on **October 2** and on subsequent Tuesdays.

## **DEACON PAUL SCHROEDER LEADS ACTION MINISTRY COURSE**

***"If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus, also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (Catholic Epistle of James, 2:15-17)***

For fourteen consecutive Thursdays, beginning September 28 at 7 p.m. (with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd, Deacon Paul Schroeder has begun leading an eleven week study entitled: **ACTION! Envisioning Ministry to our Community.** The course consists of alternating weeks of studies: one week is a more traditional Bible study in the Letter of James, while the alternate week consists of a topical discussion (poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, AIDS, and the like) with invited speakers and a forum for discussion. It is hoped that the topics and speakers will dovetail with the previous week's biblical themes.

The second to the last session will consist of meeting "off-site" to engage in some form of actual ministry, to be determined by the group in the course of study. The last session will be a wrap-up/debrief. Parishioners and friends of the Cathedral are invited to sign up for this interesting and challenging course. (The second session will take place on Thursday, October 5). We thank Father Paul for offering this engaging study and for his continued services to the Annunciation Cathedral community. Should you have any questions, meanwhile, please feel free to call him at the Diocese office, at 415 753-3075.

## **WALDORF SCHOOL DONATES \$25,000**

On Sunday, September 10, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our congregation was pleasantly surprised by a special donation made by **Stephen Henderson and Joan Caldarera** on behalf of the San Francisco Waldorf High School. Mr. Henderson is President of the School's Board of Trustees and Ms. Caldarera is one of the administrators of the high school. In presenting the unrestricted gift of \$25,000, Mr. Henderson underscored the oneness of our two communities, the church community and the school community. It is true, that all of us who have come to know the School, its faculty, staff, parents and students, have been impressed by their courteous demeanor and their dedication to education. Our relationship has gotten off to a great start, and we look forward to the next two years (and, perhaps, longer) when the School will share our educational facilities. We take this opportunity, once again,

to wish the San Francisco Waldorf School continued success and to publicly applaud them for their generosity.

In additional news, the Cathedral received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 on the Friday of our Festival from the Pacific Telesis group, in support of our Greek cultural endeavors. Only the day before, the Cathedral received an unsolicited gift in the amount of \$20,000 through another foundation, for operating support. Obviously, these and other gifts which have been received recently are a far cry from what is required, either to complete this phase of building and implement various programs, or to undertake the building of the Cathedral church itself. However, they point to the climate which has been evident around the Cathedral for some time now, namely that the Annunciation Cathedral is growing, both in size and in stature. Increasingly, it is becoming "the place to be." Annunciation's parishioners have every reason to be proud of this way of being viewed by the community at large.

## **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 10**

Parishioners of the Cathedral who are in good standing will have the opportunity to vote for seven members of the Parish Council on December 10, following the Divine Liturgy. Those currently serving on the Parish Council, whose terms end on December 31, 2000, as well as other parishioners in good standing who wish to run for the Parish Council, are invited to submit a declaration of candidacy form by Monday, November 6. Nominations of candidates may also be made at the November 5 Parish Assembly.

All candidates will meet with the Cathedral Dean on Wednesday, November 8, at 7 p.m. for a required seminar, in accordance with the Uniform Parish Regulations. Once elected, and ratified by Metropolitan Anthony, the seven will join the other eight members of the Parish Council whose terms expire in 2001 and together make up the Cathedral's Parish Council for the year 2001.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

# **PENTAHILIARIKON**

# **NOVEMBER 18, 2000**

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By the time you receive the October *Herald*, the **Taste of Greece** will be over and we will be heralding the success of this year's venture. This festival has proved to be the largest and most attended in the last three years. The wonder of all our Annunciation people coming and working together in a spirit of unity and love was a joy to behold. We showed great visibility among our friends and neighbors in the outer community and there was not a person I talked to who did not rave about our food, our setup, our decor and the wonderful love and togetherness of our community. *Bravo* to all who worked so hard to make this year's venture enjoyable as well as profitable.

Now that the festival is over we need to change gears and work towards new projects that will also raise the needed funds that will decrease our building loan and move towards the second phase of our project.

You all know by now that on **November 18, 2000**, the **Pentahiliarikon** will rise from our past and be one of the most exciting social evenings of the season. You should be receiving invitations very soon. I know so many of you were most generous in your donations to the festival, and that helped so much in its success. But now I am asking those of you who can, to consider this project as another large fundraiser. To ensure its success we need to have as many people as possible in attendance. The generosity of Annunciation members knows no bounds in time, talent and treasure. Let's rise to the occasion once more and do what we can to make this new fundraiser a grand success.

As we approach each new venture I ask you to look and pray for our Lord's guidance so that we can make our community a haven for our spiritual growth and needs.

Remember **Parish Assembly** will take place on **Sunday, November 5, 2000** and I ask you to be there for input and an overview of what is occurring at Annunciation.

Patricia Aleck

## **MILLENNIUM CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

The following names were drawn in September from among those who entered in the Cathedral's Millennium Calendar Raffle:

Father Stephen Kyriacou,  
Matusal Berhe, Demetria Aleck, Mr.

George Tacticos, Mr. Pete Pattis, Tom & Irene Panagoulas, Dorothy Riedel, George & Ann Souval, Jack & Sophia Kokores, John & Helen Calofonos, L.G. & Maria Sullivan, Louise Kallas, Mrs. Mary Canellos, Peter & Susan Hikalas, Duggan's Serra, Daly City, John Kakleas, Michael & Sigrun Franco, Nick Svetcoff, Patricia Aleck, Richard Kylan, Dr. Terry & Marina Ambus, Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Tsangarides, Evan Pappas, Chrysanthi Leones, Angelus Karas, Makras Real Estate and Duggan Welch Family.

The donation for each calendar, which entitles the donor to participate in a drawing every day remaining in the year 2000, is \$100. To purchase a calendar, or for further information, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

## **FATHER STEPHEN INVITED TO ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE**

In a letter addressed to Pat Aleck, our Parish Council President, His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony writes: "Your beloved priest, Father Stephen, has been selected as one of five clergy representatives from our Diocese to the 2000 Clergy-Laity Congress in Constantinople, scheduled to take place from November 25-December 1 of this year."

This is the first clergy-laity congress of the Holy See of Constantinople to include representatives from Orthodox churches under its jurisdiction from throughout the world. Father Stephen will depart for Constantinople on November 24th and return on December 2.

## **THE PENTAHILIARIKON NOVEMBER 18**

As we all know by now, it's been ten years since we've had a *Pentahiliarikon*. We look forward to the return of this major fund raiser, to be held on Saturday, November 18. Thereafter, it will be a biennial event. That is, it will be held in the even numbered years.

Once again, what is the *Pentahiliarikon*? This is how it works. 250 tickets are sold for \$200 each. Each ticket entitles a couple to attend a black tie optional dinner-dance, featuring a four-course catered meal by Four Seasons Catering, which will be held at the Cathedral on November 18. At the conclusion of the dinner, a ticket is drawn and the holder of that ticket receives \$1,000. Then, \$100 is paid out for each tenth ticket thereafter. Finally, the last ticket to be drawn is

awarded \$5,000 (thus *pentahiliarikon*, which means "five thousand.") In addition, there will be an early bird drawing, and special gifts. All this making for a wonderful evening and benefiting the Cathedral's building fund.

Chaired by **Tom and Liberty Nuris and Tessie Obester**, the *Pentahiliarikon* promises to be a wonderful, fun evening, a night of fellowship, of dancing, of good food, financially rewarding, for many but, most importantly, a means of raising some much-needed money for the Building Fund. Look for your invitation in the next few days. For further information, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

If you'd like to participate, a committee meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, October 10 at 7pm.

## **2001 CLERGY-LAITY FEBRUARY 8-10**

The year 2001 Clergy-Laity Assembly of the Diocese of San Francisco will be held February 8-10 at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, this year to be preceded by the Clergy Retreat, also to be held at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, February 5-7.

Since the Uniform Parish Regulations state that each parish shall be represented at the Clergy-Laity by three delegates, one being the Parish Priest and one being the Parish Council President, the third will be designated by the Parish Council at our November 5th Parish Assembly. In this way, the concerns and the recommendations of the Annunciation Cathedral community will be heard at the Diocesan Clergy-Laity, where the representatives of all our Parishes have the opportunity to learn from one another, thus strengthening our Diocese as a whole and, in turn, strengthened as a community through the experiences of others.

## **CHAPEL WINDOWS TO BE BACKLIT**

Thanks to the efforts of **Peter Samaras**, additional lighting will be placed behind the stained glass chapel windows so as to equalize the lighting effect both during the day and in the evening. Most of the cost will be absorbed by the manufacturers.

The additional cost will be borne by **Christina Decker**, who has undertaken to see this project through, in memory of her mother, **Voula Soulis**.

# FOCUS ON YOUTH

## ALTAR BOYS RESPONDING!

As a result of our article in the September issue of the Herald, we now have a group of young men who are committed to serving in the altar on a regular basis. Not only do the boys have the satisfaction of serving in this way, they also learn much about our Orthodox Faith by participating in the sanctuary. They have the opportunity to observe the Office of Oblation (the first part of the Divine Liturgy, during which the Holy Gifts are prepared, in the sanctuary and thus out of sight of the congregation), and to be an active part of this most important worship of our Faith. We can use three additional altar boys, however. Young men, ages 10 and above, are invited to speak with Father Stephen and indicate their willingness to be of service to the Cathedral as altar boys.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS OVER 125 STUDENTS

Sunday School began on Sunday, September 10, with 125 students enrolled in this year's program. As we have mentioned in previous issues of the Herald, our Sunday School has been growing in recent years but, mostly, with children up to grade 5. It is gratifying to see more students this year in grades 6 and above. Already, we are beginning to see that our 10 classrooms may not be sufficient two and three years down the road. This increase is attributable to our teaching staff, encouragement by our parents and, of course, our children. Increasingly, Sunday School has become mainly responsible for the religious education of our children. It is where moral values are shared and where we meet Christ, especially in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We rejoice, and expect that this growth will continue.

## GREEK SCHOOL MEETS EVERY SATURDAY

Meanwhile, Greek School began on Saturday, September 16, with only a handful of students. Just twelve years ago, our Greek School had more than 50 students. Now, we are down to 1/10th of that. One reason for this is the fact that the Greek language is not seen by some as a vital or necessary part of being a member of the Church, or of education in general. Then, there are those parents who speak Greek to their children at home, supposing this to be enough of an exposure. A few are fortunate enough to go to Greece during the summer months and consider their exposure to the Greek language there to be sufficient. In any case, our Greek School is open and functioning each and every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and we continue to urge parents to avail themselves of this unique opportunity for their children to learn the language of one of the world's foremost civilizations. For further information, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

## JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth)

Our group is off to a great start! The parent's meeting was well attended with more than 20 children registered to participate.

The first activity of JOY was participation in the Food Festival. Our youth cleared tables Sunday afternoon under the direction of two veterans, Tom Nuris and Ari Stratakis. The children all had a wonderful time. Memories were made and the seeds were planted for our future festival workers and organizers.

The next activity planned is Saturday, October 28th at the San Francisco Zoo for their annual "Boo at the Zoo" program for Halloween. Children will dress in costume, parade and trick or

treat at the zoo. For further details, please call Denise Yeilding (parent advisor) @ 415-585-5883.

## FILADELFAKIA CONTINUES FUNDRAISER

Filadelfakia is the name of our youngest dance group. The children of the group are selling Entertainment 2001 books to raise money for much needed costumes. They have all outgrown their current costumes. Sales were good this past month and they have met one-third their goal.

Entertainment books cost only \$20., and enable a family to save, literally, hundreds of dollars by using it. Some of the savings in this year's book include well-known restaurants in San Francisco and the Peninsula. It contains movie theater, clothing, fast food, hotel and travel discounts, to name a few, including two-for-one savings.

We encourage you to buy a book for yourself and, perhaps, one for neighbors and friends. They make great Christmas gifts! Books may be ordered for areas outside San Francisco/Peninsula. You may order your copies by calling the Cathedral office at 415-864-8000 or Denise Yeilding at 415-585-5883.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have many children 4-6 years old who would like to learn to Greek Dance, but we need an instructor. Please consider giving one hour a week to this very rewarding activity. Please contact Father Stephen directly.

## CATHEDRAL YOUTH ATTEND FIRST ORTHODOX INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

by Mary D. Tsagaris

This summer, I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Constantinople. I was one of ten young adults from the Diocese of San Francisco invited to attend the International Youth Conference at the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Four of these participants, Justin Kyriacou, Dean Tsagaris, Dio Stefanopoulos, and I are members of the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco.

"The Youth in the Church of the Third Millennium" was the theme of the first international conference. A wonderful itinerary was planned for more than 500 young participants representing more than 30 countries. Liturgies, guest speakers, dinners, entertainment and tours of many historical sites and museums of our Orthodox Faith were all compliments of the Patriarchate.

The Sunday of the Pentecost was a spiritual day for my Orthodox friends and me. Hundreds of Orthodox Christians came together in worship for Divine Liturgy at St. George at the Phanar. It was a beautiful liturgy celebrated by our Ecumenical Patriarch, along with many other hierarchs, priests and deacons.

The conference began Sunday evening. In his keynote address, His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew said "... We consider that today the first and main responsibility, mission and also opportunity of our Most Holy Orthodox Church is this: nurturing memory, remembrance, a deep vision of salvation in Christ, and evangelization of this vision to all human beings through prophetic power. The command 'go forth and make disciples of all nations' (Mt. 28.19) applies at all times and to every faithful who has himself become a disciple, has learned the sacred scriptures, and has received the divine grace. ..."

Some of the issues that were addressed by distinguished

"The relations of the two genders" was the topic of Rev. Dr. John Chrysavgis, of Holy Cross School of Theology in Boston, Massachusetts. Fr. Anastasios Bourantas, the Archdiocesan Youth Director, spoke on "The experiences of young people as members of the Orthodox Diaspora." Many of the young participants had a chance to share views and interests, as well as inquire more about the Church's view on these topics.

Our tours included a visit to the holy and historical Orthodox sites in Nicaea, a boat trip down the Bosphorus, the magnificent Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, the Monastery of Chora, the Zoodochos Peghe and the Bazaar.

Before we left, we had a chance to give our respects to our blessed Ecumenical Patriarch. His warmth and humility left an enduring impression on us.

Overall, this awesome experience has left a tremendous impact on me. I have now discovered an untrodden compassion for our "Mother Church".

### INTERNET SCHOOL OF ORTHODOX STUDIES

The Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces the Fall 2000 schedule of Religious Education classes for adults, over the internet. According to the Rev. Dr. Frank Marangos, Director of the Department of Religious Education and founder of the Internet School of Orthodox Studies (ISOS), the theme of the Fall Semester is: "Meeting the Holy Fathers." The series of ten 60-minute educational classes is based on the 5-Year Strategic Plan of the Department of Religious Education. The goal is to assist Orthodox Christians to more fully understand the theology of the Fathers in Orthodox Tradition. The sessions will be broadcast, beginning at 7:30 p.m.(EST) on the following dates:

October 3: Irenaios: the Reality of the Incarnation/Mary as the second Eve

October 10: Basil the Great: Theologian and Monk

October 17: Basil the Great: Theologian and Monk, continued

October 24: John Chrysostom: Preacher and Priest

October 31: John Chrysostom: Preacher and Priest, continued

November 7: Maximos the Confessor: Humanity and Incarnation

November 14: John of Damascus: Icons, Creation and the Incarnation

November 21: Symeon the New Theologian: The Incarnation and the Eucharist

This program will be primarily taught by the Rev. Dr. Constantine Newman, pastor of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Lexington, Mass-achusetts. A certificate of educational recognition will be awarded to those who take the classes. The syllabus, bibliography and class notes can be downloaded from the ISOS site. The ISOS website address is: [www.goarch.org/webcasts/religious.html](http://www.goarch.org/webcasts/religious.html).

### "OUTREACH" COMMITTEE MAILS OUT SURVEY

The committee which has been meeting under the leadership of **Dr. Chris Asimos**, and which has been called "Outreach" Committee, is actually a group of Annunciation Cathedral parishioners who are also health care professionals. In order to determine how they may best be of service to the community, this committee has recently mailed out a two-page survey inviting our anonymous response to a number of questions dealing with health (physical, emotional, spiritual). The committee will, in turn, assess the responses and meet to consider the scope of its work in light of these responses.

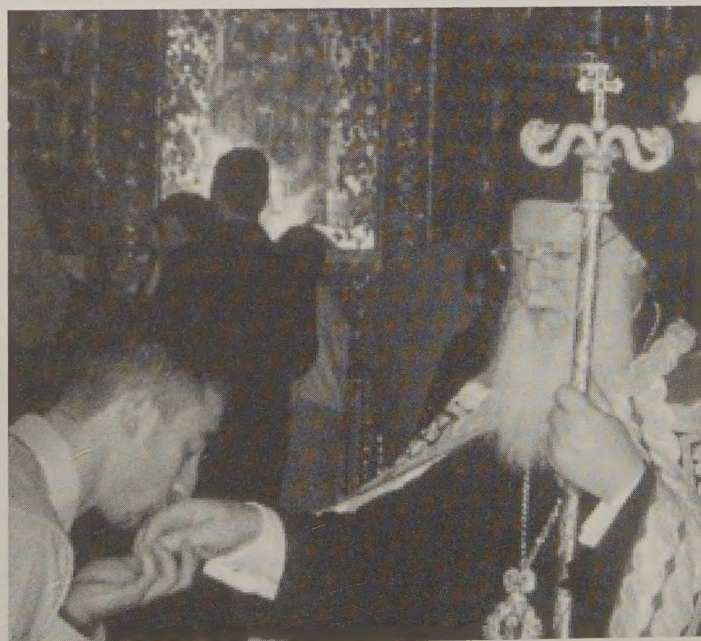
Please ask every person in your household over the age of 12 to complete a questionnaire which, then, can be mailed to the **Health Information & Referral Panel, Annunciation Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 94103** or dropped into a box designated for this purpose and located in the gallery.

### IOCC DINNER IN CASTRO VALLEY NOVEMBER 12

The "Remembering Home" dinner of the Northern California Region of IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) will take place on Sunday, November 12, 2000 at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 20104 Center Street, Castro Valley. This evening of food, folk music and dance benefiting IOCC's worldwide humanitarian efforts, will begin with pan-Orthodox Vespers at 4:30 p.m. A reception and silent auction will follow, at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. The donation is \$40 per person. Checks may be made payable to IOCC-Remembering Home and mailed to 2718 Sherbear Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583. For further information, you may call 925 831-0169.



At the Bosphorus



Justin Kyriacou with His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew

## **"DOMINUS IESUS"** **CAUSES STIR**

Recently, the Vatican issued a document entitled "DOMINUS IESUS." In this document, the Vatican took issue with the use of the term "sister churches," used, first by the Vatican, and subsequently, by other Christian churches, not in communion with one another, to describe each other. In this age of ecumenical (i.e. inter-Christian) dialogue, the use of the term seemed appropriate in fostering an openness among the various Christian confessions although, as Metropolitan of Maximos notes in the following article, conservatives objected to its use, for the reasons stated below. In any case, the issuance of the document at this time, has caused a stir in ecumenical circles, and is being perceived by some as being a setback to ecumenical relations. In an effort to keep you better informed, we reprint Metropolitan Maximos' comments in their entirety.

"I was away when the Vatican document Declaration "Dominus Iesus" (from now on Declaration) appeared in the news; thus, I was not able to react to its content. By now, I have thoroughly reviewed the Declaration, and I am ready for a brief comment on it.

Before I comment on the text, let me express my appreciation to both of my fellow Pittsburgh Christian Leaders Fellowship members, Bishop Donald Wuerl and Bishop Donald McCoid for their comments to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Their comments bring things into today's perspective, instead of reverting to pre-Vatican II times, as the Declaration seems to do. You cannot go back in terms of calling the other Christian Churches "sister churches," and you cannot go back in terms of recognizing one another's baptism and the subsequent membership in the one church of Christ, as much and as far there is only One Baptism, if it is celebrated according to the faith in the Holy Trinity and the age-old practice of the church with triple immersion and emersion, or its equivalent.

Bishop Wuerl is correct with regard to the treatment of the Orthodox Churches by the Declaration; hopefully, the former "Holy Office" has forgotten its way of treating the Orthodox as "wounded brothers," and, hopefully, their "promotion" to "deficient" brothers by the Declaration will be of a contingent nature. Thank you, brother Bishop Wuerl, for your fairness regarding the Orthodox Churches.

Bishop McCoid voices his concern that the Declaration "pours cold

water" on the progress in Roman Catholic-Lutheran relationships, especially after the apparent success of their Common Declaration on Justification. One cannot turn the clock back. It is so painstaking to achieve some progress in "ecumenical" relations, that it is very sad when people go backwards.

Now, let me speak on the text of the Declaration. No one hates "relativism" more than the Orthodox. With the Declaration, we share the concern regarding this relativism, especially with regard to world religions. We, too, "firmly believe" in the uniqueness and exclusiveness of salvation in Christ through the One Church of Christ. Without passing judgment on others, the Orthodox Church sees itself in that-light from the beginning of its existence into all eternity. As there is no salvation without the only Savior, Jesus the Lord, there is no salvation without the involvement of Christ's Body and Bride, the Church of Christ. We Orthodox cannot be otherwise than in full agreement with the statements of the Declaration regarding this Christian truth, in full agreement with the Gospel of salvation and the teaching of the Church Fathers.

However, we cannot appreciate what in my estimation is a triple reductionism in the Declaration, which makes the faith of the Declaration defective in three ways: the reduction of the faith of Christ to the faith of the church; the reduction of the faith of the church to the faith of the Apostle Peter; and the reduction of the faith of Peter to only one of his successors, the Pope of Rome.

1) The Faith of Christ, is the faith of a divine person, the Word-of-God-Who-Became-Flesh. This is the reason we are saved by the faith, not of a human, but of a divine person, Christ: "you are justified by the faith of Christ" (ek pisteos Hristou), Saint Paul says (Galatians 2:16). We are not justified/saved by anyone else's faith, either our personal, or any other human person's faith, including that of the Holy Apostles, or even the personal faith of the Mother of God. The text of the Declaration fails to indicate this. The faith of the Church cannot replace the faith of Christ; and the faith of Christ cannot be reduced to the faith of the Church.

2) The Faith of the Church, which leads us to Christ, is, certainly, very important. This faith of the church cannot be reduced to the faith of one person in the church, even if that person is foundational to the church. In other words, the faith of the church cannot be reduced to the faith of the Apostle Peter, which is the tendency of the Roman understanding.

3) Finally, the Faith of the Apostle

Peter cannot be reduced to the faith of one of his many successors, that is, the Pope of Rome. Every Apostle, and every faithful is Peter, as much and as far as they profess the faith of Peter, that is, that "Christ is the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Every Christian, from the very beginnings of the church and until the consummation of the present age, is that "Peter" who professes Christ to be the Son of the living God, not just the Pope of Rome.

On the basis of these remarks, one can see how the Orthodox feel with regard to this triple reduction of the Vatican regarding the saving faith of Christ, reduced to the faith of the church, and this last one further reduced to the faith of Peter. This is a serious defect, which the Christian East has always avoided. After this explanation of the position of the Christian East regarding the saving faith of Christ--the only faith which saves--the question is: whose faith is the "defective" faith? Let the reader draw his or her own conclusion."

Metropolitan Maximos of Ainou is Bishop of the Diocese Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania).

## **SACRAMENTS & SERVICES** **AT THE CATHEDRAL**

### **CHRISMATION**

Frederick Moller was received into the Church on September 3 through the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation and was given the name Nicholas by his sponsor, Foula Vasilogiorgis.

*Na mas zisi!*

### **BAPTISMS**

Kathlynn Marie, daughter of Jerry and Natalie Simotas, was baptized on September 16 by her Godparents, Harry and Debra Marie Travlos.

Nikolas Alexander, son of Lester and Chrisoula Pezo, was baptized on September 17 by his Godparents, Eleni and Elias Papadokonstandakis.

*Na mas zisoun!*

### **MARRIAGES**

The marriage of Brian (Panagiotis) Garrett Gardner and Eugenia Panomitros was blessed on September 2, 2000. Their sponsor was Demetra M. Panomitros, M.D.

The marriage of Tesfai Tesfazgi Gebremichael and Selamewit Tesfay Beyene was blessed on September 30, 2000. Their sponsor was Zerai Tecele.

*Na mas zisoun!*

### **FUNERAL**

Funeral services were held on September 7 for Christos Lolas, who died on September 4.

*Aionia autou i mnimi!*

# October 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 - Orthros 10:30 - Sunday School Divine Liturgy		6:30 - Dance Practice 7:00 - "Back to Basics" Class	6:00 - Open Gym	6:00 - Open Gym 7:00 - Action Class		9:30 - Greek School
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 - Orthros 10:30 - Sunday School Divine Liturgy		6:30 - Dance Practice 7:00 - "Back to Basics" Class	6:00 - Open Gym	Noon - Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:00 - Open Gym 7:00 - Action Class		9:30 - Greek School 10-4 - Diocesan Council Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 - Orthros 10:30 - Sunday School Divine Liturgy		6:30 - Dance Practice 7:00 - "Back to Basics" Class	6:00 - Open Gym	6:00 - Open Gym 7:00 - Action Class		9:30 - Greek School 9:30 - 3:30 - Parish Council Retreat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 - Orthros 10:30 - Sunday School Divine Liturgy	Fr. Stephen attends North West Region Clergy Retreat		6:00 - Open Gym	<b>ST. DEMETRIOS</b> 10 - Divine Liturgy 12 - Philoptochos General Assembly 6:00 - Open Gym 7:00 - Action Class		9:30 - Greek School JOY AT S.F. ZOO 6:30 - Festival Workers Appreciation Dinner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 - Orthros 10:30 - Sunday School Divine Liturgy		6:30 - Dance Practice 7:00 - "Back to Basics" Class				
29	30	31				

## *Festival 2000 Highlights*



Father Stephen blesses the Festival prior to opening



Vlasis Fousekis preparing a Festival favorite-lamb on the spit!



Fr. Stephen in the chapel with interest Festival visitors.



Members of Ignacio's Minoans performing at the Festival.



Chef David Marcovici conducting a cooking demo



It was a beautiful day.  
Dinner in the courtyard was a special treat.



Lula Ossipoff and Teia Nuris  
at the Christmas booth.

## More Festival 2000 Highlights



Even the cooks took time out to dance.

And *finally*,  
a well-deserved rest!



## **EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

**November 5**  
**General Assembly**

**November 12**  
**IOCC Dinner**  
**Castro Valley**

**November 18**  
**Pentahiliarikon**

**December 10**  
**Parish Council**  
**Elections**

**December 17**  
**Sunday School**  
**Christmas**  
**Program**

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